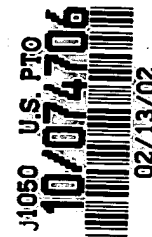


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,475-B1)

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Serial No.: Not yet assigned	)	Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: February 13, 2002	)	Examiner: Not Assigned
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOCALIZED	)	
LIQUID TREATMENT OF THE SURFACE OF A	)	
SUBSTRATE	)	



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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of the initialed PTO-1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103. This information disclosure statement shall not

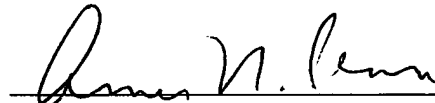
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Respectfully submitted,

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